

# Spotlight on Chester County...

## Location & Climate

- Located in the north central area of the state
- Surrounded by Fairfield, Lancaster, Union, and York counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 60.8 degrees and experiences 46.88 inches of precipitation annually



## Population

- 33,563 in 2004
- 59.9% white and 40.1% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 36.0 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 35,840 by 2015

## Labor Force

- Increased from 14,667 in 2003 to 15,678 in 2004
- Unemployment rate fell from 11.1% in 2003 to 10.1% in 2004

## Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 14,093 in 2004, compared to 12,454 in 2003

## Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$22,139 in 2003
- It was 85% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Chester Workforce Center paid \$3,344,595 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

## Chester Workforce Center

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